

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MATTHEW H. BECKETT,
Plaintiff,
v.
SCALIA, *et al.*,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-01468-CDB (PC)

**ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFF'S
FILING OF MAY 15, 2025**

(Doc. 96)

I. INTRODUCTION

This action proceeds on Plaintiff's Eighth Amendment excessive force claims against Defendants Scalia, Madrigal and Hernandez, failure to protect/failure to intervene claims against Defendant Hackworth, and Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to serious medical needs claims against Defendants Scalia, Madrigal, Hernandez, Hackworth, and Hurtado. (*See* Doc. 39.) Plaintiff's claims against these Defendants arose when he was previously incarcerated at Corcoran State Prison.

II. RELEVANT BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2025, the Court issued its Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel. (Doc. 92.) The order was served to Plaintiff at his then address of record: Matthew H. Beckett, Atascadero State Hospital, P.O. Box 7001, 10333 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93423-7001.

1 On March 31, 2025, the order was returned to the Court by the United States Postal
2 Service marked “Undeliverable” and “Unable to Forward.”

3 On April 15, 2025, this Court issued its Order Denying Plaintiff’s Motion to Amend,
4 Order Denying Plaintiff’s Motions Filed February 13, 2025 and February 18, 2025, Order
5 Granting Defendants’ Motion to Stay Discovery, and Order Denying Plaintiff’s Motion to
6 Compel. (Doc. 95.) This order too was served on Plaintiff at his address then on file with the
7 Court.

8 On May 7, 2025, the order was returned marked “Undeliverable,” “Attempted – Not
9 Known,” “Unable to Forward,” and “Not at Facility.”

10 On May 15, 2025, Plaintiff filed a document titled “Plaintiff-Notice of Change of
11 Address; Plaintiff-Notice of Cont’d Retalitorial [sic] actions [Re: Beckett v. Dept State
12 Hospitals]; Plaintiff-Request Injunctive Relief/Time Suspension.” (Doc. 96.)

13 **III. DISCUSSION**

14 Plaintiff’s May 15, 2025, filing is dated and signed May 4, 2025. (*See* Doc. 96 at 8.)
15 Therefore, although more than 40 days elapsed between the date the notice was signed and the
16 date it was received, the Court finds Plaintiff’s notice of change of address complies with Local
17 Rule 183(b). The Clerk of the Court has updated Plaintiff’s address on the docket for this action
18 and has re-served this Court’s order issued April 15, 2025, to Plaintiff’s new address.

19 To the extent Plaintiff complains of retaliatory behavior by officials at Atascadero State
20 Hospital (*see* Doc. 96 at 1-7), this action does not involve any claims against those officials or
21 any officials at a facility other than California State Prison-Corcoran—this action concerns
22 Correctional Officers Hernandez, Hurtado, Madrigal and Scalia and Correctional Lieutenant
23 Hackworth only.¹ Any concerns or claims involving officials at Atascadero State Hospital should
24 be addressed in the action Plaintiff has purportedly filed in the United States District Court for the
25 Central District of California (*see* Doc. 96 at 4 [“case in the ‘Central Dist of CA,’ Beckett v. Dept

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¹ *See* Doc. 95 at 6 (“Here, the case and controversy before the Court involves Plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment
27 excessive force claims against Defendant Scalia, Madrigal and Hernandez and failure to protect/failure to intervene
claims against Defendant Hackworth, and Eighth Amendment deliberate indifference to serious medical needs claims
28 against Defendants Scalia, Madrigal, Hernandez, Hackworth and Hurtado”).

1 of State Hosp”]) involving those officials as defendants, or a new action against those officials if
2 the alleged retaliation is new and has not been previously asserted.

3 To the extent Plaintiff contends officials at Atascadero State Hospital illegally discharged
4 him “prior to restoration” of sanity (*see* Doc. 96 at 4-5), again, this action does not involve those
5 officials or any actions occurring at Atascadero State Hospital. This Court will take no action
6 concerning these assertions. Plaintiff is advised such claims appear to concern the legality of his
7 present custody, meaning his concerns should be addressed in a habeas corpus action—not a civil
8 rights action involving conditions of confinement claims.²

9 Next, to the extent Plaintiff contends officials at Atascadero State Hospital are
10 withholding his property, that too is not the subject of this action. Plaintiff may wish to assert
11 those claims in a new action, presuming these assertions are new and were not asserted in the
12 action he has purportedly filed in the Central District of California.

13 Plaintiff asserts too that he is not receiving the appropriate medical treatment at his
14 present place of incarceration, the Kern County Lerdo Justice Facility in Bakersfield, California.
15 (*See* Doc. 96 at 5-6.) Again, such claims must be brought against the individuals involved in the
16 alleged constitutional deprivations in a new action filed in the appropriate state or federal court.
17 They will not be heard in this action involving officials at California State Prison-Corcoran
18 concerning actions occurring in 2018.

19 Plaintiff requests that “the courts would fitly ‘vacate all scheduling dates’ and ‘decisions’
20 until” he is “correctly housed,” in possession of his legal materials, and has access to a law
21 library. (Doc. 96 at 7.) In this action, on April 15, 2025, the Court granted Defendants’ motion to
22 stay discovery. (*See* Doc. 95 at 7-8, 9.) Therefore, there are no “scheduling dates” to vacate.
23 Further, as indicated in the April 15 order, this “Court will issue an amended scheduling order
24 following resolution of Defendants’ summary judgment motion concerning exhaustion, if
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² *See Preiser v. Rodriguez*, 411 U.S. 475, 500 (1973) (challenges to the validity of any confinement or to particulars
affecting its duration are the province of habeas corpus).

1 necessary.” (*Id.* at 8.) Because that motion is fully briefed³ and pending resolution, it will be
 2 decided in due course. Thus, for purposes of this case, whether Plaintiff has access to his legal
 3 materials, access to a law library, or is “correctly housed” at present do not warrant any further
 4 action by this Court. This is so because the only motion pending before this Court is awaiting
 5 determination and discovery is already stayed pending that determination. To the extent Plaintiff
 6 seeks to stay proceedings or vacate deadlines in any other action he has pending in this Court⁴ or
 7 any other court, he must direct those requests to that specific action.

8 Finally, to the extent Plaintiff seeks any injunctive relief, it is clear from Plaintiff’s filing
 9 of May 15, 2025, that any injunctive relief he seeks does not involve any named Defendant in this
 10 action.⁵ Therefore, he must seek injunctive relief against any officials at Atascadero State
 11 Hospital or officials at the Kern County Lerdo Jail Facility in the appropriate action involving
 12 those individuals. This Court will take no action concerning injunctive relief as any such request
 13 is inappropriate and unavailable in this case.

14 **IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

15 Accordingly, the Court **HEREBY ORDERS** that Plaintiff’s notices or requests,
 16 excepting his notice of change address, are **DENIED** and/or **RESOLVED** as addressed above.
 17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: May 16, 2025


 19 Anna D. Brown
 20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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 22 ³ Defendants’ reply brief was filed March 24, 2025. Thus, Defendants’ motion is fully briefed and was deemed
 23 submitted on that date. *See* Local Rule 230(l) (“All such motions will be deemed submitted when the time to reply
 24 has expired”).

25 ⁴ Plaintiff specifically references “Beckett v. Moreno et al.”, an action filed in this Court. (*See* Doc. 96 at 4.) Plaintiff
 26 is advised that the docket for that action, case number 1:20-cv-01427-BAM, reflects the action was closed on May 6,
 27 2024. (*See* docket, 1:20-cv-01427, Docs. 64 & 65.) Further, a query of this Court’s CM/ECF system reveals four
 28 cases filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. Only this action remains open and
 active. (Case numbers 2:20-cv-01927-JDP and 2:20-cv-020300-AC were transferred from the Sacramento division to
 the Fresno division and became case numbers 1:20-cv-01427-BAM and 1:20-cv-01468-CDB, this action,
 respectively.)

29 ⁵ *See, e.g., Zepeda v. U.S. I.N.S.*, 753 F.2d 719, 727 (9th Cir. 1983) (a “federal court may issue an injunction [only] if
 30 it has personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over the claim; it may not attempt to
 31 determine the rights of persons not before the court”).